

## Obedience Is What God Wants

*Genesis 22:1-19, "... and thy seed shall possess the gate of his enemies; ...because thou hast obeyed my voice.*

**Listen, friends, this is the only way for you to please God, is to obey Him.** They that come to God must believe (*Heb. 11:6*). [1]

**You know, it's always best to obey what the Holy Spirit says do. Don't talk back, just obedience.** You might not understand why, but do it anyhow. **If it's the Holy Spirit, God is always right.** [2]

**Where you leave Christ at by failing to obey His Word, right there He will leave you. He doesn't leave you; you leave Him (*Heb. 13:5-6*).** See, you always leave Him, because He's got you in the path, He's trying to lead you. But see, when you leave Him, then you have to come right back where you left Him at, to start again. [3]

So God has made a way for us. God loves His children. He loves His people. He wants to help them. **He wants to help you more than you want help.** If you can just get that in your heart, that God is more willing to help you than you are to help yourself. But He has a way, **and that's the only way that He'll work is through His way. You must come to His terms, not your terms.** His terms! You want it certain way, but He gives it to you His way.

Like Naaman dipping in the waters of Jordan. Why, he said the waters up in his country are much cleaner and better, but that wasn't what the prophet said. "Dip here." He dipped once, leprosy still there; six times, it was still there. **He had to obey and come God's way. And when he fully obeyed God's way, the leprosy left (*II Kings 5:1-14*).**

And I say, today, **that if we obey God's provided way,** leprosy will leave, **sickness will leave, everything will leave, but we got to come His way for this day.** Now, dipping in the Jordan wouldn't do any good now; that was for Naaman. The law was for the Jews. **Grace is by Christ.** [4]

If somebody is here that's not been baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ, the pool is open (*Acts 2:36-38*).

**That's the only way you're going to make it, that's right, is to obey every Word.** Remember, one little phase of the Word, in the beginning, caused every sin on earth. Jesus said, "Whosoever shall take one Word away from This, or add one word to It, **won't go in.**" His name is off the Book, as soon as he does it (*Rev. 22:18-19*). [5]

But when you see something genuine, it cannot fail, 'cause it's God. And God sets these things for an example, that others might see.

"How," you say, "how does it come? By all night fasting?" That's good. "All night prayer meeting?" That's still good.

**But obedience to the Word is where it comes, obeying the Word.** [6]

Moses said, "Who will I say that sent me? How do I know that You're God?"

He said, "What have you got in your hand? I'm the Creator of life. I'm the miracle-working God." And before Moses could ever see the power of God that performed all the things, **first he had to obey God. He threw the stick on the ground; it become a snake.** Oh, my. What? **Obedience comes first, before you see His miracles** (*Exod. 7:8-13*). [7]

*Genesis 22:15-18: "And the angel of the LORD called unto Abraham out of heaven the second time, And said, By myself have I sworn, saith the LORD for because thou hast done this thing, and hast not withheld thy son, thine only son: That in blessing I will bless thee, and in multiplying I will multiply thy seed as the stars of the heaven, and as the sands which are upon the sea shore; and thy seed shall possess the gates of his enemy; And in thy seed shall all the nations of the earth be blessed; because thou hast obeyed my voice."*

**What a promise, because of obedience! Obedience is what God wants.** It was once said, "Obedience is better than sacrifice." **To obey the Lord is better than any sacrifice that you could do** (*I Sam. 15:22-23*). [8]

He'd separated Abraham – **fully obedience.** And we find that you cannot be blessed and God cannot do nothing for you till you completely obey Him. [9]

And when God expects you to do a special thing, **He demands a complete separation from any doubt. You've got to come to full obedience, to obey what He says.** God demands it. You can't do it no other way. And, now, He always sets an example, and that was His example, of a complete separation from all of his family, all of his kindreds, to walk a life separated to God. [8]

God, in order to get a man or a woman, boy or girl, **to obey Him, you have to separate yourself from all unbelief,** that's right, until you totally separate yourself from anything **contrary to that Word,** and believe It. God calls for a total separation. [10]

But I want to bring another thing into your remembrance. If God sent the messenger and vindicated by the signs that he was the messenger sent from God, **then it's up to them to obey this messenger** (*Rev. 10:7; Mal. 4:5-6*). Exactly. **They must obey the messenger and have respects to that**

**messenger.** Look at Joshua and Caleb; they stayed right by his side. Whatever Moses was in, they were in it too. Whether Moses was right or wrong, they stayed right with him anyhow, **because they knowed that was God's messenger.** [11]

Now, they said, "We are out in this wilderness, and the armies of Pharaoh are approaching us. They're camped just behind us." **But Moses knew to obey God** (*Exod. 14:1-31*).

And if God sends a representative, **and He anoints this representative,** and sends it into the world, **the people must obey that representative.** It's always been that way all down through the Bible. [12]

Now, the disciples ought to have knowed He would have to, **everything had to obey Him.** We ought to know the same thing. **Our bodies will have to obey His Word.** "I'm the Lord that heals all thy diseases." (*Psalms 103:3*). Is that the Word? Well, **this body has got to obey that.**

All I have to do is press the button. Amen. **Sometime the button is on the knees, you know.** But, I tell you, that sends a current through.

**But that's all you do is believe it. God promised it.** And as them waves had to obey Him (*Mark 4:35-41*), **so does this have to obey Him.** Insomuch, that He promised, after we are perished, **"I'll raise him up again, at the last day."** [13]

Before the Samaritan woman could bring that message, she had to first see the miracle of God. Before she could see the miracle of God, **she had to take God at His Word.** That's exactly right.

**After they had walked with the Word,** after they had seen the Word, after they had believed the Word, **but before they could see the miracle of Pentecost, they had to obey the Word.** See? "Go up to the city of Jerusalem," said the Word, "and wait there until you're endued with power from on high." (*Luke 24:46-53; Acts 1:10-14*). [7]

When He told Moses, said, *"Speak to the rock,"* don't smite it. **That meant "speak," don't smite, see** (*Numbers 20:1-13*). **You've got to obey what He says do.** "But no man can do nothing in himself," **he's got to hear it first from God** (*John 5:30; John 10:27-30*).

Now the Word of God promised that He lives. And, because He lives, you live. He promised, that, "The works that I do shall you also. **The same things, only more of it, will you do, because I go to the Father.**" (*John 14:12*). He conquered all things. [14]

We're unworthy to ask this. **There's no good thing about us** (*Rom. 3:10-12*). But it's because You have bid us to do it. Just like the serpent on the pole,

no virtue in the serpent or pole, **but obedience is what brought the results** (*Numbers 21:4-9*). And may it be so today, Father. [15]

*Question to Brother Branham: **The Bible tells us that a wife should obey her husband. I am a Christian and my husband is a sinner. He persecutes me in every way that he can, and for me not to go to church, and read my Bible, and denies the Word. What should I do?***

What should you do? Now, listen, **you're supposed to obey your husband; that's the Word.** Now, if he tells you and refuses you to read the Bible, go to church, or something like that, **you don't have to obey that**, because, "He that won't forsake his father, mother, husband, wife, or whatever it is and follow Me, is not worthy of Mine." (*Matt. 19:29*). That right?

A man's not supposed to use that authority over a woman just because he's her ruler. **God is her ruler above you, brother.** See? And if your wife is doing something wrong, then you got a right to tell her, and she's supposed to listen to you. **But you haven't got no right to beat her, or drag her around, or do those things.** No, sir.

You see, God made man a **helpmate** (*Gen. 2:18*), **not a doormat.** Remember, she was your sweetheart; she should always be that. [16]

There are only two classes of people spoken of in the New Testament. **"The children of God, and the children of the devil."** Did you know that? You want to put a Scripture down for it? I John 3:10.

In Ephesians 2:2, they are called, "The children of disobedience." Like Eve was, disobedient to God's Word. **The children of obedience, and disobedience, have nothing in common.**

Then how can the Bride of Christ associate in a denomination, **when one is disobedient and the other obedient?** How can one, be the Word; and the other one, perverted word? How can a prostitute and a clean woman walk together in agreement? They can't do it. They have no fellowship at all. "Come out from amongst them!" (*II Cor. 6:14-18*). It's of the devil. **It's the mark of the beast. Heading right into it now; all denominations. I don't care who it is.**

God is taking, not a denomination, **"a people for His Name."** (*Acts 15:13-14*). **A denomination won't receive these Truths.** It'll take an individual person that can see God, look at His Word and believe It, and belong to no organization; **but live for God**, not for his organization, the intellectual wisdom of some bishop or something has taught it. That's right.

**The children of disobedience, and the children of obedience, have nothing in common. One is of the day of Light;** the other one, of night **and darkness**, evil age, this evil age of darkness, nightclubs, dances, yet belong to church. **It's okay with their god. They don't have any condemnation about it; nothing bothers them.** [17]

Notice, **God will make our bodies so obey Him**, that He said in Saint John 6, "He that eats My flesh, and drinks My Blood, has everlasting Life, and I will raise him up at the last day." (*John 6:51-58*). Think of it, **our bodies obey** when we have no more control of it, and it turns back to a spoonful of dust, **God will speak to that body** and it'll rise up again in the likeness of the resurrected Jesus Christ (*Phil. 3:21*). What are you worrying about this? **If it's in the hands of God, let go**, amen, for He will raise it up, last day. He promised to do it, that's **THUS SAITH THE LORD**. It's written in His Word. [18]

Sometimes you have to separate from everything that's dear on earth, to you, **to take your position that God has called you to**. I'm sure you can read between the lines, what I'm saying. See? Sometimes the very dearest person on earth, you have to shake hands with them; **just take your position in Christ, to where God has called you**. See? But what is God doing? Transforming you from what you were. Maybe a daughter or a son, or whatever it is, from a lovely family sometimes, **He places you somewhere else**. Because, it's His way of doing it, see, **by the renewing of your mind, to obey the Word of God, regardless of what the price is** (*Rom. 12:1-2*). See? These things don't come...

**Our redemption wasn't a cheap thing**, it was the Son of God had to die for us. See? **Things of value come of great price**.

To bring this Message, it wasn't easy. See? No, it isn't. I had to forsake everything that was dear to me, even my own people, everybody. But you see the value of it is, you see, **is to do the will of God** (*Heb. 10:5-7*). [19]

Now watch, **full obedience to the full Word of God entitles us to the Token**. [20] Then when we pray, **we must have the Token to present with our prayer** (*Acts 5:32*). [21]

No other way is there, that you could ever be entitled to the Token, **until you fully obey the Word**. Not what somebody has put into It, and added to It; **but what God said about It!** [20]

When you go and say, "I want a ride to New York City." What do they do? They give you a ticket. What is it? It's a token. It isn't money. It's a token, but it takes money to buy it.

Now, when you want Eternal Life, you receive a Token, showing that the price has been paid. **It isn't the Blood, but it's the Token of the Blood. It's the Life Itself**. Amen. **Full obedience to the whole Word of God, to God's entire Word, will entitle you to this Token**.

How do you do it? Peter said, on the Day of Pentecost, "*Repent, every one of you, and be baptized in the Name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and you shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost, the Token. For the promise is unto you, and to your children, to them that's far off, even as many as the Lord our God shall call*" (*Acts 2:38-39*). [22]

The Token is the sign that the purchase has been made and been accepted. Now, you can't get the token from the railroad fare until you pay the price; and the only way you're going to pay the price is pay it. That's right. What? **Believe It! Accept It! Full obedience to the whole Word of God will entitle you to the Token.** Full obedience! **Not the part of It as far as your denomination goes, but all of It. Full obedience to the Word, which is Christ, brings you into Christ.** [21]

**Full obedience to the Word brings God, the Word Eternal, in you, and that is the Token. When the Word is in you, It's Christ in you (Col. 1:26-29).**

Now notice, when we pray, if we have the Token. And **when we pray, we have the Token, we present our Token with our prayer.** Now, if you're sick, if you're a sinner, if you're in need, when you have the Token, **you have a right.** If I had the token to a bus line, in my hand, they can't keep me off of that bus; they've accepted my money, and I have the token. **In this case, I could not pay my price, you could not pay it, but He paid it for us (I Peter 1:18-20) and give us the Token.** Amen. **I have a right to Divine healing;** Jesus Christ died that I could have Divine healing. **I have a right to claim every promise in that Book.** When you get it? When you have the Token and can represent the Token with your prayer. The sign of the **full obedience;** the fare is paid. [20]

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